

DETAILED ACTION

1. Due to minor informalities in the claims, the examiner contacted the applicant's representative, Thomas Isaacson (Reg. No. 44,166), to discuss an amendment to the claims in order to overcome these dependency-related informalities. An examiner's amendment to this effect appears on the record below. The remaining claims are allowable over the prior art of record for the reasons given in the Notice of Allowance from 2/15/2008.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Thomas Isaacson (*Reg. No. 44,166*) on 9/18/2008.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 12, change "claim 13" to -claim 8--.

In claim 13, change "claim 13" to -claim 8--.

In claim 14, change "claim 13" to -claim 8--.

In claim 15, change "claim 13" to -claim 14--.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James S. Wozniak whose telephone number is (571) 272-7632. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th, 7:30-5:00, F, 7:30-4, Off Alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick Edouard can be reached at (571) 272-7603. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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